30-60-100-FOLD FRUIT

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"But other fell into good ground and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold."

Matthew 13:8

In this - as in other portions of Scripture - the measure of light appropriated by Christians has been very partial, leading to much misunderstanding, unending controversy, and the splitting up of His Church into different camps of thought. What tragic folly!

Often it is claimed that the 'fruit brought forth' refers to the amount of 'good works' wrought in the life of the individual Christian. THAT is the BASIC error! True, we are expected to couple our faith with that of GOOD WORKS, but His Word-seed is received into the human heart (see verse 19), and from THENCE is the fruit namely love, kindness, patience, understanding, temperance and Godliness, and whatsoever else proceeds from His Spirit. IF the fruits of the good seed received into good ground are abundant, then the partaker thereof is ENERGIZED and goes forth to lavish his fruits upon others! And THIS was more explicitly stated by our Lord in John 15:16:

"...I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should REMAIN: that whatsoever ye shall ask of my Father in my name, HE MAY GIVE IT YOU."

Now it should be manifest to all that 'good works' DO REMAIN. And what is even more evident is the fact that plenty of people are full of 'good works' yet their prayers ARE NOT HEARD! Neither is there any Scripture which proclaims that we shall be heard of God because we have done some good deeds. But Scriptures abound proclaiming that he who is NOT a sinner (but does the holy will of God), the same is heard of Him. Thus, clearly is it seen that THE FRUIT BROUGHT FORTH (from the seed implanted in the human heart) are the DIVINE QUALITIES implanted in the human soul by the Word of God which is the 'Good Seed'. Thus, the soul which yields to the regenerating power of His Spirit, transmuting the grosser carnal qualities into the beautiful Spiritual attributes WHICH ARE OF HIM - he it is who brings forth fruit an hundredfold, or sixtyfold, or thirtyfold! And when the full mystery of the 100-60-30-fold is clearly understood, then there remains no controversy as to what is required for 'salvation'; as to whether or not there is 'eternal life' for the believer, and a host of other controversial issues. But in the VEILING OF REBEKAH (Gen. 24:65), depicted also by Moses' second veiling (Ex. 34:35), the TRUTH has not been

discerned in the progress of this long dark "night..when no man can work." But now His Light beams are shooting, darkness dispelling, while Glory infills the human heart.

Jesus in the course of His ministry spoke to the multitude in parables, for they were not prepared to receive the fullness of Truth. Many of these He explained - in part - to His disciples that they might pass on the Truth to those who were prepared to profit thereby. Yet many He did not explain - because they didn't ask Him! But he who is "instructed unto the kingdom of heaven, ...bringeth forth out of his treasure things NEW and old" (Matt. 13: 52).

We may safely assume that as the good seed which falls on good ground and brings forth fruit 30, 60 and 100-fold, so is there other seed which brings forth the many-fold in between which were not mentioned.

Many may think it is easy enough to understand the 100-fold, linking it with perfection, but why the 60 and 30-fold? It results in three major groups. These three groups our Lord referred to at another time as

> "...first the blade (30-fold), then the ear (60-fold), after that the full corn in the ear (100-fold)."
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> Mark 4:28

The blade is like the leaf and compares with the grass. It gathers sunlight from above and draws the mineral-laden moisture from below. It makes possible the flower and the ear which later genders the fruit, or "the full corn in the ear". These three stages, or divisions are closely interlinked.

Like unto the earth which brings forth fruit after its kind in the aforementioned three stages, so does the Word of Truth bring forth fruit in three major categories.

To better understand this mystery hidden by Rebekah's veil, let us consider it from a different perspective. (Often the ways of God are not the ways of man.)

God's manifestation to man in the "measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ", is typified by His manifestation

100	100	100
-100	-60	-30
000 lacking	40 - lacking -	70

100 is the number of the One risen from the open tomb. It is the first perfection number with reference to man who is '1'. Therefore, 100 is 1^3 or man raised to his third Soul-power. Body, mind and soul then become fully subservient to Spirit. It is the height of perfection attainable in this dispensation through the Grace of God, and the love of Jesus Christ unto all who believe, made manifest on Calvary. Not some half-hearted belief, but that type of belief which brings a far-reaching REVOLUTION into the indi-

vidual's life, to the end that he no longer is 'of this world', but glories in the things unseen. The full subservience of the lower vehicles to the dictates of Spirit will not be granted until the time of the event known as the 'rapture'. Therefore, the hundredfold are those who will go forth to meet Him at the 'trump of God', whether in the flesh or temporarily asleep.

Paul stated clearly that "flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God", neither shall any but the 100-fold ever rise to meet Him. Anything short of the first perfection indicated by the 100 number, can never have any intimate association with the King of kings and Lord of lords! Neither shall ever the 'blade' or the empty ear be heaped up on His table! FRUIT, and the choicest fruit only, is His soul's desire.

The group under the classification of the 60-fold, presents two major aspects. First, the number 6 raised by the power of 10. This number (in its first cycle) contains the inclination to sin, or the seed of disobedience: we might call it the carnal estate of man. But here it is raised to the first power of soul, or that of subservience to soul: it engenders the DESIRE to obedience!

While its second aspect reveals the 40% lacking. The '4' links with the four-fold being of man: body, mind, soul and spirit, and is the intrinsic number of earth. Therefore, this group which lacks the 4 raised to its first soul-power, has still too many idols of earth they worship; they have as yet not been sufficiently tried and tested in order that the dross might be purified. Their four-fold being has as yet not found a complete sublimation through an absolute surrender to Christ. This sublimation of man's entire earth-based nature can only be achieved through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, culminating in a sealing by His Spirit through the Baptismal Fire which gives enduement with power.

The 30-fold group shows the number of mind (3) raised to its first soul-power. These are nominal Christians who believe in the ethical value of the Christian code. They believe in Christ to the extent of conceding His Divinity, but <u>are in bondage to the spirit of the carnal commandments!</u> The SPIRIT OF FAITH has eluded them: their mind is responsive to soul but has never contacted Spirit!

Their second aspect reveals that they lack '7' to its first soul-power (70). This is the latent number of the Church within, which has never been <u>quickened</u>. It might be likened unto the candlestick which has never been filled or lit. Even to the person not adept in the analysis of basic numbers, it reveals at a glance that the factors of the Bride, or membership in the body of Christ, are entirely lacking! Yet their '30' shows

they have profited through the Word of Christ ("...and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" - Jn. 6:37).

As we survey the channel and the extent to which the three groups profit by the Seed received, we find that the hundredfold become members of that intimate body which shall always be in the very presence of the Coming King. Their individual body and soul function at the behest of spirit in execution of the Divine Will. Their potential is on par with the manifestations of the Risen Christ. There is nothing 'lacking'. '1' is in the place of Spirit, bespeaking unity with the Spirit of God, while the Divine contact manifests as His REST in both the place of soul and body. This is that group which has received the 'anointing' that they may "reign with Him as priests and kings". (It should be observed that the ancient kings were "the anointed of the Lord", nor could any reign as king without that anointing.) These are the ones who have been 'sanctified by His presence' (Ex. 29:43-44) for, assuredly, as the Aaronite High-priest had to be fully 'sanctified' before he could minister in the Holiest, so must the individual believer become 'SANCTIFIED by His presence' in order to be fit and prepared to come into the Holiest (which is His very presence).

THE 60-FOLD are greatly blessed, and through their DESIRE to obey shall "enter into His rest". But their lack of carnal sublimation: their attachment to idols of clay will prevent their full release during the present dispensation. Their reward lies in the inheritance of the earthly kingdom during the Millennial Reign. Then, through OBEDIENCE to "the everlasting gospel" they shall achieve IMMORTALITY in the flesh. They are already in possession of the DESIRE to obey, but the weakness of human flesh and of the carnal mind have thwarted and hindered their full release: the RELEASE enjoyed by the 100-fold. And that which the Spirit termed "the everlasting gospel" is - in more modern language - THE LAW UNTO IMMORTALITY (the everlasting) LIFE HERE AND NOW. That was taught by the Christ, but His followers understood Him not, and THAT portion of His teachings have the Churches garbled ever since.

"Shall enter into His rest...." The 100-fold who have been TAKEN OUT of this world are the ones who have truly entered into His rest. But even here on earth - in that Kingdom which is being CONFORMED unto the Heavenly pattern, the 60-fold shall be the inheritors of the promise. The fact of their attaining immortality will be their REST. For, to attain immortality - in accordance with His plan - all traces of illness must be abolished. And what is still more, although such persons may eat and enjoy normal meals, yet they shall be enabled to live indefinitely without par-

taking of common food! The 'living manna which comes down from heaven' is the true bread unto life, and that manna is available unto all who have entered into immortality. (Only on one occasion is it Scripturally recorded where Jesus the Christ [the 'anointed'] partook of this Heavenly manna to assuage His hunger and regain strength; see John 4:32.) Therefore can it be said of them that they have found rest. Since they know not illness of any type, they can enjoy the good of the land, yet they need not labor for their eats! But they shall be served by 'Gentile nations', that is, by those who seek His Law but have not entered into its Truth.

As to THE 30-FOLD: we have seen how they LACK '70' to being fully acceptable in His sight. And as to the element of TIME, the Millennial Reign (the Holy Sabbath Day with God (on earth), is the corresponding factor. They lack the '70' (7), therefore they do not "enter into His rest"!

But as 30-fold, they are a product of His spoken Word, and having "come to Him" He has promised that they "shall not be cast out". That is, they shall not be cast out of the Kingdom. But observe carefully, the Millennial Reign (as we term it) is NOT the true Kingdom era: it is but His REST at the conclusion of the present era and septenary cycle of manifestation. THEREAFTER does the true Kingdom era begin!

And as concerns that period, the prophetic Word declares:

> "..the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished."
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> Rev. 20:5

The 30-fold have an INTELLECTUAL concept of Christ; He is their ETHICAL STANDARD even though not too well emulated! And because of their carnal perspective of that which is SPIRITUAL, His 'REST' shall be denied them as it also was to their forerunners - in type - whose bodies fell in the wilderness. But they shall come forth to life in the earthly Kingdom era some time following the Millennial Sabbath Day.

As to their lot then, we are not too well informed. But we can look back to Joseph in Egypt who was a type of the 30-fold. For, at the age of 30 he stood before Pharaoh of Egypt, and he was made second in command. Thus we may expect the 30-fold in the Kingdom era to be rulers, directors and overseers of the countless Gentile peoples then living who never entered into His COVENANT during the dispensation of Grace. They will receive their orders from the 60-fold who will then be the True Monarchs of earth (in physical bodies). In turn, the 60-fold take their instruction and orders from 'His Body' which is the 100-fold; the latter receiving their instructions DIRECTLY from the King of kings and

Lord of lords! FOLLOWING the close of the Kingdom era, or THAT Dispensation, the 30-fold who have been faithful may THEN enter into the Heavenly Kingdom. (This is shown us by Joseph's bones being carried out of Egypt [this world] by Moses and his brethren AT THE END OF THEIR SERVITUDE IN EGYPT!)

For a moment, let us glance back lest we lose the main features of THE STEPS IN GRACE during this Dispensation. We have seen how the Israelites (soldiers, servants, or Princes of God) in the FULLNESS of their time (30 years under Joseph [assumed] + 40 x 10 = 430 years - as stated) received a Moses ("saved by water") to deliver them from the thraldom of Egypt. This Moses is again made into a SPECIFIC TYPE to demonstrate the stages through which the travailing "servant of God" passes on his successive steps to liberation. Moses is 40 years old when he flees from Pharaoh into Midian ("strife") and enters into the service of Reuel ("friend of God"). Similarly do the countless people typified by Moses in the House of Pharaoh ("the Great House") of this carnal Egypt, serve their preliminary period of testing (4 x 10 = 40 years) until they commence to flee from Pharaoh. That is, they live in the pleasure of the senses and the imagined good things of this world UNTIL THEY APPREHEND that it means their death! It may be forty or sixty years, or maybe only twenty.

WHEN they realize that they are on the road to death (in "the great House"): that Pharaoh may bring in the death-sentence any moment, THEN have they spent their symbolic 40 years in Pharaoh's House and they flee to Midian. That is, they enter into a STATE OF STRIFE within themselves, in constant combat with their carnal desires. But they are in service to Reuel who typifies the Spirit-ego within, and gets married to his daughter Zipporah ("a little bird"). The twittering of this bird is the Spirit-voice which is always prompting, encouraging and leading the way back into the grace of her father.

Moses spends another 40 years in Midian, typifying how in this state of strife between the carnal and spiritual THE FULL MEASURE OF TESTING must again be endured, be that a short period or many years. Eventually, while feeding the flock of Reuel, that soul-yearning ("saved by water") Israelite comes to the "mount of God" (the soul's repose within the human heart) and sees the fiery burning bush. Likewise does the soul-seeker eventually (in the fullness of his time) make contact with the Spirit of God within his own soul where he beholds the TREE OF LIFE - aflame with the Spirit of God. THERE HE RECEIVES THE PROMISE OF DELIVERANCE!

THIS IS THE ENTRY TO THE 30-FOLD ESTATE: WASHED IN THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB. Observe now how for 30 days the Isra-

elites traverse the wilderness, and how for 3 days they find no water (Ex. *15*:22 - Ex. *16*:*1*), and the water at Marah is bitter. Likewise does the 30-fold Christian plod along without the true WATER OF LIFE until he beholds the TREE, which, when cast into the water renders the portions of life sweet and acceptable through Christ Jesus our Lord.

From that stage the "mount of God" again hovers into sight, towards which the journey now begins. Testings and tribulations are many, but eventually the secret of sweetening the waters of this life's journey have been found. The 30-fold are refreshed at the wells of Elim and find peace of soul in the shade of the 70 Palm trees.

THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD begins to exert its balm and refreshing unto the weary; the second lap leading to the 60-fold estate commences. For, we find that on the 60th day they arrive at the Mount of God (Ex. *19*:*1*-2) where the Divine Law is received. THERE Moses ascends the Mount to COMMUNE WITH GOD and to receive the two tables of Law inscribed by the finger of God. This speaks to us of God's Law being inscribed into the human heart; it is the Born-again experience which renders the individual 'a new creature in Christ Jesus'; it is the 60-fold estate.

We have seen the stage of the 'blade', and how the entry thereto can only come through the shed blood of God's Lamb; it is the washing in His LIFE-blood by which virtue the 'destroying angel' recognizes its sheltering power, and PASSES OVER the soul-seeker. The wilderness testings come fast and many. And at any time the 30-fold Christian may decide to "return into Egypt", as did conclude the Israelites BEFORE they had received the Law.

Now they are at the Holy Mount where the Law IS BEING RECEIVED, but observe carefully: they had as yet no PREPARED receptacle to safeguard THE Law! SIXTY days had they spent to arrive at the Mount: 40 days was Moses on the Mount with God: total 100 days (specified). But the first 40 days speak to us of the TESTING period in its full measure which must be endured by even the 60-fold, at the termination of which '100' is contacted (the 100-fold). But here the narrative shows us how many arrive at the 60-fold lap of their journey, yet because a PREPARED housing is not awaiting the LAW OF GOD, the tablets are broken! It calls for a prepared and fully CONSECRATED human heart to receive and protect the Divine INSCRIPTION. Lacking this, the DIVINE LAW is shattered at the foot of the Mount, where commences afresh the excruciating 40 years in the wilderness, symbolic of how the human heart must be fully prepared to reverently receive and HOLD that which is of God.

This is RE-enacted by Moses' second 40-day tryst in

the Mount with God, by which time the Ark had been prepared to receive and to HOLD safely the Sacred Word of God. THEN is the Christian BORN AGAIN of an 'incorruptible Seed' which "LIVETH and abideth forever". THEN has the Seeker passed from death to LIFE; THEN is the SHEATH ('ear') prepared to receive "the full corn in the ear"; THEN is the 60-fold estate fully achieved.

The 30 days were out of Egypt and in the wilderness' preliminary TESTING; the next 30 days were also in the wilderness, but leading up to and culminating the 60th day at the FOOT OF THE HOLY MOUNT, where, by the multitude, the Law was received (orally). There the people abode, but Moses communed with God 40 days. On the 100th day, the two-fold LAW was received and Moses is sent down. Thus we see how the 100(-fold) is the "FULLNESS OF THE FRUIT" with God's sanction upon it. In the New Testament it is termed the 'Baptism of Spirit' or by 'Fire'; it is the 'receiving of the Holy Spirit' (Ghost).

With the children of Israel at the foot of the mount, the basic simplicity of the portrayal in type is slightly confused through their BACK-SLIDING in heart, which so many do even today. Therefore are the 40 days RE-enacted by Moses in the Mount with God, and the Law received afresh. THEN is the Tabernacle fully prepared; THEN is Aaron fully consecrated and the OFFERINGS (sacrifice) by the people become ACCEPTED BY GOD when FIRE comes out from His presence and consumes the sacrificial offerings upon the Altar (Lev. 9:24). THAT was the shadow of things to come, and as experienced in the New Dispensation by the 120 on the day of Pentecost.

As the three stages of the blade, ear and corn in the ear, so also three stages in Christian progress: first the intellectual acceptance of Christ which is the 30-fold; then the HEART-acceptance of Christ when the person is BORN into the 60-fold category, and finally the full SPIRIT-acceptance of Christ which God honors and RECEIVES, pouring out His ANOINTING which is the fiery Spirit-baptism: that yields the fullness of the Spirit-filled life.

In like manner do the three separate groups interlink, and help to prepare for the three progressively developing stages in the growth of the Church, and of the Christian community.

It requires the INTELLECTUAL acceptance of Christ by many people to develop a profusion of BLADES, drawing in the sunlight of His love; LIFTING up the nourishment from the depths of the community or the State, clearing the way that a SHEATH may be prepared to receive the fruit! With this achieved, the HEART acceptance of Christ commences its work to TRANSMUTE the various nutrient elements into the FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, the FULL-

NESS of which is the "full corn in the ear" which God joyfully accepts, and then He 'thrusts in the sickle for the harvest is come'!

This, like most of the Lord's other parables, has its basic prophetic measure in conformity with the others. To bring the various numbers into prophetic power for the world, we multiply by 10. Thus we get

300	or	1000
600		600
1000		300
1900	- years -	1900

First we see how the blade stage was arrived at in about 300 years when the World Mistress declared Christianity a State religion. Six hundred years later the 'ear' had formed that world-fruit might be brought forth. THEN was the 'great Schism' which completed the break between Roman and Greek Churches, which, in its wake, was to bring FREEDOM OF WORSHIP that all might KNOW God "in Spirit and in Truth". The 1000 years later takes us into the present century when we shall see the 'sickle thrust in' that the harvest may be garnered.

From the second prophetic perspective we have FIRST the 1000 years of Christianity under the universal CATHOLIC Church, during which His LIFE ('1') was made manifest unto the Gentile world. THEN came the break, or the division from the one stage to the other, culminating in the REFORMATION, which was fairly well established in a great many countries by the opening of the 17th century (1601 A.D.). Then came the 300 years following during which period the WORD IS PREACHED ('3') in full freedom that man may graduate from ceremonialism (corresponding to the "letter of the law" in the days of the Pharisees) into a RECOGNITION OF HIS TRUE SPIRIT.

But from these measures we cannot pinpoint years for the final termination. For, the INCEPTION of these periods covered by many years, ranged from 1 A.D. to about 48 A.D. Therefore are we NOW in the era that the Sickle is about to gather the Harvest of the earth!

He that has an ear, let him HEAR what the Spirit saith unto the churches:

To him that OVERCOMETH will I give to eat of the hidden manna; and I will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written - which no man knows, saving he which receives it!

- Rev 2:17